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APRIL 23, 1970
1:20 A.M.

NOTES

DEPARTMENT PLEASE PASS SAIGON

1. ARMS AND AMMUNITION DELIVERED PHNOM PENH AS SCHEDULED NIGHT APRIL 22. CAMBODIANS REPORT ALL WENT LIKE CLOCKWORK AND ARE MOST PLEASED.

2. UNFORTUNATELY, WITHOUT OUR HAVING BEEN INFORMED OF PLAN, RKG CLOSED POCHENTONG AIRPORT AT 1800 THUS FORCING CANCELLATION OF REGULAR SINGAPORE FLIGHT AND ROUSING IMMEDIATE INTEREST OF PRESS. WE UNDERSTAND THAT BBC HAS ALREADY ANNOUNCED THAT ITS CORRESPONDENT SAW 3 OR 4 TWIN TAILED AIRCRAFT LAND SHORTLY AFTER 2300.

CONSEQUENTLY, WE FEAR THAT SECRECY ENTIRE OPERATION IS IN DANGER. EMBASSY BEING BESIEGED BY PRESS TO WHOM WE ARE DENYING ANY US PLANES INVOLVED AND SUGGESTING PRESS ADDRESS ITSELF TO RKG AS COUNTRY CONCERNED. BBC BELIEVES IT ALSO GOT PICTURES.

3. MEANWHILE, NEXT DELIVERY HAS BEEN REQUESTED ASAP. WE ASSUME FROM SAIGON 6065 THAT THIS IS APRIL 27. IF THIS TRUE, REQUEST THAT PLANNING FOR SAME TYPE OF OPERATION SHOULD BEGIN AND THAT WE BE INFORMED OF SCENARIO BEFORE WEEKEND. THIS TIME WE SHALL RECOMMEND TO RKG THAT AIRPORT NOT RPT NOT BE CLOSED UNTIL LAST MINUTE.

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